Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott





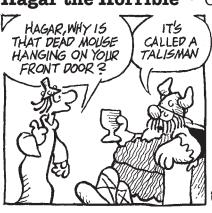
Blondie • Chic Young



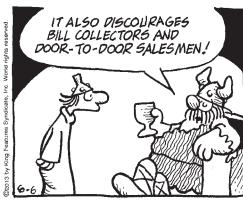




Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

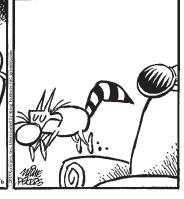






Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters







Sally Forth • Greg Howard



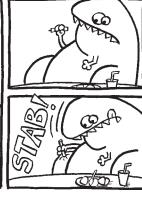




Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts







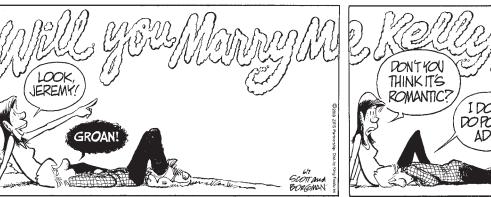


Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott











Terry Kovel

Antiques and Collecting

Pocket lighter was a souvenir

Q: I am a retired U.S. Air Force sergeant. Sometime during my 20 years of service, I received a chrome-plated "Camp David" Zippo pocket lighter. The front has a black engraving of the camp's entryway, with a rope-like circle around the image. I understand it has some value. True?

A: Zippo lighters were first made in Bradford, Pa., in 1932. When smoking was more socially acceptable than it is now, lighters were popular souvenirs. The military, as well as U.S. presidents, purchased them to give as souvenirs to servicemen and visiting dignitaries.

Camp David was built in the 1930s and was used as a presidential retreat starting in 1942. But it wasn't called "Camp David" until 1953, when President Dwight David Eisenhower renamed the retreat after his grandson, David Eisenhower. Other marks on your lighter may help you date

it. A lighter matching yours, made in 1972, is for sale online with its original box and insert. The asking price is \$45. Q: My mother-in-law gave my daughter a vintage dress labeled "Harvey Berin, designed by Karen Stark." My mother-in-law was a music instructor at the local high school and

put on musicals every year. This dress was

donated to her to use in the musicals. When

she retired, she gave the dress to my daughter to wear to the prom. Can you tell us anything about the designer and maker of this dress? A: Harvey Berin started his clothing business in 1921. He is known for his cocktail and evening dresses made from the 1940s until 1970. Berin bought dresses in Paris and had the designs adapted by designer Karen Stark, his sister-inlaw. He approved the designs before the dresses

were made. First Lady Patricia Nixon wore a gown designed by "Karen Stark for Berin" to the 1969 inaugural balls. The dress is now in the Smithsonian. Berin closed his business in 1970.

Q: I have a blue-and-white ironstone platter with a floral border and a center scene of a horse-drawn stagecoach with several men riding on top. It's marked "Coaching Scenes, Made in England by Johnson Bros., a genuine hand engraving, all decoration under the glaze detergent & acid resisting colour, ironstone, Passing Through." I would like to know what it could be worth.

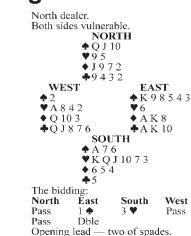
A: Johnson Brothers was founded in 1883 in it became part of the Wedgwood Group, which became part of WWRD in 2009. The word "detergent" is a clue to age. Although

the first detergents were made in the 1930s, they didn't become popular until the 1940s. Johnson Brothers introduced its "Coaching Scenes" series in 1963 and continued producing it until 1999. Dishes were blue and white, pink and white and green and white with different center scenes.

"Passing Through" is the name of the scene on your plate. Value of your plate: about \$35.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Pinpoint Defense

Precise defensive play is the hallmark of all top partnerships. Today's deal, from the 1988 Blue Ribbon Pairs, shows the stuff of which sound defensive play is made. The East-West pair was Marty Bergen and Larry Cohen, who won the grueling six-session contest.

Cohen, West, elected to leave in Bergen's reopening double of three hearts for penalties. Since East-West happened to be cold for three notrump – worth 600 points – anything less than a three-trick set would have yielded an unsatisfactory result. Cohen began by leading his singleton spade,

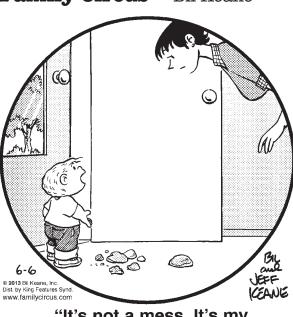
on which Bergen played the three. This conveyed the message that he had an entry in clubs, the lower-ranking of the two remaining suits (aside from spades and the trump suit). After the ten of spades held, declarer led a

heart to his king, which Cohen ducked. When South next led a heart toward the nine, Cohen went up with the ace, revealing that he had no other high hearts and was therefore interested in obtaining ruffs. Cohen returned a club to the king, and Bergen,

allowing for the possibility that declarer might have been dealt a singleton club, returned the nine of spades for West to ruff, calling for a diamond return. So after ruffing, Cohen switched to a diamond and obtained a second spade ruff. The defenders still had two more diamond tricks coming, so declarer wound up with only six tricks, giving Bergen-Cohen a top score of plus 800. If the defense had slipped anywhere along the

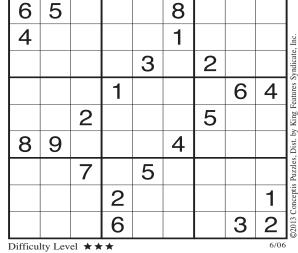
way - for example, if West had tried to reach East with a second club lead – South would have escaped for down two, giving East-West a very poor result.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"It's not a mess. It's my rock collection.'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals B

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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